

## Rating Posts

Blackboard's **Discussion Board** now provides options that allow users to rate and tag posts. Both of these methods provide new possibilities for sorting and searching through large, active discussions.

Faculty can allow students to rate posts when [setting up a forum](#), or afterwards by

1. Click **Modify** to adjust settings.



**3 Forum Settings**

- Allow anonymous posts
- Allow author to remove own posts
  - All posts
  - Only posts with no replies
- Allow author to modify own published posts
- Allow post tagging
- Allow users to reply with quote
- Allow file attachments
- Allow members to create new threads
- Subscribe
  - Do not allow subscriptions
  - Allow members to subscribe to threads
  - Allow members to subscribe to forum
  - Include body of post in the email
  - Include link to post
- Allow members to rate posts ←
- Force moderation of posts
- Grade
  - No grading in forum
  - Grade Forum: Points possible:
  - Grade threads

**4 Submit**

Click **Submit** to finish. Click **Cancel** to quit.

\* Required Field

Individual posts can now be rated.

The screenshot shows a forum interface. At the top, there's a thread title "My Introduction" with a "Reply" link. Below it, statistics show "Total posts: 3 Unread posts: 0" and a "Next Thread" link. A list of posts follows:

Post Title	Author	Date
<a href="#">My Introduction</a>	Lisa Nguyen	2/9/11 2:03 PM
<a href="#">RE: My Introduction</a>	Kuri Di Fede	2/11/11 10:24 AM
<a href="#">RE: My Introduction</a>	Kuri Di Fede	2/11/11 10:27 AM

Below the list are "Refresh" and "Select All" buttons. The detailed view of the selected post shows:

- Subject: RE: My Introduction
- Author: Kuri Di Fede
- Posted date: Friday, February 11, 2011 10:27:13 AM EST
- Last modified date: Friday, February 11, 2011 10:27:13 AM EST
- Total views: 10 Your views: 9
- Navigation: Previous Post
- Overall rating: 5 stars (all highlighted)
- Rate this post: 0 stars (dropdown menu) Rate

After a post is rated, the stars next to **Overall rating** will be highlighted to reflect the cumulative, average rating.

This close-up shows the rating section of a post. It includes "Reply", "Quote", and "Set Flag" buttons. Below them is a "Next Post" link. The "Overall rating" is displayed as five stars, with the first three stars highlighted in yellow. Below that, it says "Previously rated: 3 stars".